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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 held at Manmoel Miners' Welfare.

2356 To sign the register and receive apologies

2356.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman Walter Williams, Andy Bould, Garry Lewis, John Mullen and Kath Naylor

Apologies were received from Mary Parkes and Emma Williams

2356.2 The Clerk informed the meeting that Mrs Rhiannon Edwards had not responded to any of his emails regarding the councillor training program and offered no apologies for non-attendance at the meetings.

2357 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2357.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had agreed a 7.9% increase in the council tax for 2023/24. Community Centres will suffer a funding cut of 33% per over the next three years. The Empowerment Fund will be reduced rather than cut completely. A meeting is to be held to discuss the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit throughout the borough.

2358 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were **agreed**.

2359 Matters arising

2359.1 Minute 2347.2 – It was noted that the petition was to be presented to the Borough Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

2360 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2360.1 Item 2360.4 – It was **agreed** to purchase 360 Coronation Mugs at a cost of £2,343 plus VAT.

2361 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2361.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 showed a total balance of £19,349.05

The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2362 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2362.1 Cllr John Mullen gave a brief update on the LDP.

2363 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2363.1 Cllr Mary Parkes had previously given her apologies for not attending..

2364 Delegates Reports

- 2364.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the Estyn School report had been excellent. Rhiannon Passmore A.M. is to visit the school in the near future.
- 2364.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the usage of the hall was slowly improving..
- 2364.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report
- 2364.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the centre was being used most nights.
- 2364.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2365 Local Reports

- 2365.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the steps behind the village hall car park have been condemned as unsafe.
- 2365.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that there were problems defining the rights of way at the Ancient Druid property.
- 2365.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor reported on falling numbers attending the coffee morning. Verge trees were being chopped down – not certain about the legality of this action. Kath also reported that the cooker in the village hall kitchen is no longer working and asked whether the Community Council could provide financial assistance towards the replacement. It was **agreed** in principle that the Council would help with the cost of purchasing a replacement cooker.
- 2365.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen reported that the memorial garden at Hillside Avenue was overgrown with brambles, etc. He also reported that the trees at Markham Terrace had not been cut back.

2366 Planning Applications. - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 20th March  
2023